

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-5 and 8-12

CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 (cancelled).

Claim 16. (original): A process for producing a nocoat finishing product comprising the steps of:

co-extruding a plastic layer and finishing paper layer to form an elongated semi-rigid structural piece, said structural piece having a plastic back and a finishing paper front, said finishing paper front prepared to directly receive paint or texture;

producing protrusions on said plastic back, whereby said structural piece can be held in place by wet drywall mud.

Claim 17. (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said plastic layer is high-impact plastic.

Claim 18. (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said finishing paper is cup stock paper.

Claim 19. (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions are pointed.

Claim 20. (original): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions form a cross-hatch pattern.

Claim 21. (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions form a wave pattern.

Claim 22. (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions run from edge to edge on said plastic back.

Claim 23. (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions run lengthwise along said plastic back.

Claim 24. (new): The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions form a cross-hatch pattern.

Claim 25. (new) : The method of claim 16 wherein said protrusions are pointed.